

MBPD'S ABC Grant Update

On May 15, 2009 the Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach Police Departments conducted a minor decoy sting within the cities of Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. A decoy was sent into ten on-sale establishments within the two cities in an attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages. Eight establishments were successful in preventing this activity and two establishments were cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. A decoy was also sent into twenty off-sale establishments within the two cities in an attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages. All twenty establishments were successful in preventing this activity.

Employees of the following establishments were cited for providing alcoholic beverages to a minor:

Café Pierre (317 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach)

Ercoles (1101 Manhattan Ave., Manhattan Beach)

The Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach Police Departments are committed to providing the finest police service to residents, businesses and visitors in our communities. In partnership with the community and ABC, the Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach Police Departments expect the results of this grant will provide a better understanding of the need to comply with alcohol related laws and regulations. This will enhance the safety of our citizens and protect the quality of life that exists in our communities.

If you have any questions about the grant please contact Sergeant Chris Vargas of the Manhattan Beach Police Department at (310) 802-5140. •

Memorial

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crime prevention programs. It sponsors the "Every 15-minute" program to curb student drunk driving, Victims Assistance, Citizens Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, and Citizens Patrol.

Police Chief Rod Uyeda asked those in attendance to think of these policemen leaving their homes to start a shift with no expectation of not returning. They are conditioned to ignore danger. And all these tragedies happened during just routine activity. If commended for a heroic deed, all policemen would say the same thing: "Just doing my job." Thirteen policemen died in California last year in the line of duty, and six have so far this year--the most of any state. But Uyeda said they died doing what they loved: Keeping their cities safe.

In paying tribute to each of the officers,

Officer Steve Kitsios spoke of Officer Charles Frederick Grau, known as "Charlie." Grau died of a stroke following his intervention in a violent domestic dispute in 1952. He was active in the community, was a Mason, and was frequently complimented on his professionalism. At 44, he left a wife and three young daughters.

Officer Traci Navarrette paid tribute to Officer Richard Timothy Giles. Giles was only 29 when he died of a broken neck that resulted from an accident that occurred while he pursued a speeding vehicle near Sepulveda and 6th Street. It was February 14, 1962 on his son's sixth birthday. He left a wife and two young sons.

Officer John Loy paid tribute to Officer Martin Lane Ganz. Many people here remember that. Ganz had been with the MBPD as a patrol officer for four years after graduating from the LA County Sheriff's training. It was December 27, 1993 when he stopped a DUI suspect near the Manhattan Beach Mall who then shot and killed him. His young nephew, 13, was on a ride-along and was able to call for help. But it was too late.

The daughters and granddaughters of those honored, dressed in spring flowery dresses, each carried a basket of flowers and placed them before the memorial plaque installed on the exterior wall of the police department May 13, 2008. It reads, "By never forgetting our honored heroes and public safety, they live in our hearts and souls."

Matt Kladnik gave a benediction. He said this holy moment was meant to praise lives led for worthwhile purpose. Less taken, more given. Taps were played by Deputy Mike Crouch of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. And on bagpipes, Yvonne Landry played *Amazing Grace*.

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How Well Do You Know Your Town's History?



Business block looking north on Manhattan Avenue. Large buildings at corner of Manhattan Avenue and Center Street now Manhattan Beach Boulevard circa 1920s.

By Jan Dennis

(Abridged from *A Walk Beside The Sea* by Jan Dennis)

With the growth of the town's population and thousands of visitors each summer, more business was established. It was difficult indeed for a Manhattan Beach politician in the 1920s to determine what would please the fickle voters. The businessmen's ticket was swept into office in the municipal election of 1924 only to face a request from Louis Lee to have a restaurant and barber shop with three pool tables.

The Board of Trustees supported the new endeavor from the business angle, but the ladies of the city opposed it as being detrimental to family life. They thought pool halls "were the known purveyors of alcohol and narcotics," and they feared their sons would be led astray.

Businessman U.T. Thompson defended the proposed enterprise as a legitimate business. It would, he said, have a sign out front as required by state law saying, "Boys under 18 of age not admitted." As for the drugs, Thompson said, "It is true that pool halls have been closed for such acts as the above; so also have drug stores, but shall we keep drug stores out of our town on this account?" The mothers were not convinced. A special election was held after months of debate. The pool hall was defeated 211 to 178. Women's suffrage was a reality!

The pool hall may not have survived but in 1922, Joe Ercole's small soda fountain did. At the present location, 1101 Manhattan Avenue, the soda fountain soon was turned into a full restaurant and cocktail lounge. The business and building remain today.

Joe Ercole was a native of Asti Piedmont,

Italy and came to this country as a young man. In the early years in California, he lived in Los Angeles where he had many different jobs. One of his talents was that of an excellent inlaid tile man. Some of his work can still be seen in the marble of the Los Angeles City Hall building.

To help promote the city's proper image, the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce had been formed January 23, 1920 with the first open meeting held February 2. All were invited with dues \$6 for six months. The Chamber's first project was to find a suitable slogan for the city. Ms. Blake Franklin of Los Angeles won with the phrase "Manhattan Beach, the Queen of the Dunes." Although Franklin did not live in Manhattan Beach, she was a property owner and taxpayer. Even with such a kickoff, a mere year later the newspaper would charge, "The Chamber of Commerce was the dearest organization in which they have ever heard."

In 1926, an alternate to the Chamber was formed, the "Manhattan Beach Boosters." The group was determined to "put Manhattan Beach on the map as one of the outstanding cities in the Santa Monica Bay" area. More than 50 residents were members. To further advertise the city, the citizenry voted a tax on themselves of 10 cents for every \$100 valuation to be used to promote the city.

A publicity man, Morton MacCormac was hired. He was the secretary of the "new" Chamber of Commerce formed in 1927, which was actually an arm of the City Council. MacCormac was on the road more than he was in Manhattan and after his first year, some citizens began to question his frequent absences. He served for only two years. •

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7:00-8:15pm	Vinyasa Flow - Level 1	Leticia
Wednesday		
6:00-7:15pm	Vinyasa Flow - All Level	Betty
5:30-6:45pm	Etha Series - Level 1-11	Andy
7:00-8:15pm	Etha Series - All Level	Dori
Thursday		
5:30-6:45pm	Power - All Level	Theresa
7:00-8:15pm	Beginner-Etha	Dolga
Friday		
6:00-7:15pm	Vinyasa Flow - All Level	Betty
6:45-7:30pm	Vinyasa Flow - All Level	Alex
Saturday		
9:30-10:45am	Etha Series - All Level	Andy
Sunday		
8:00-9:15am	Etha Series - All Level	Cathy
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